

South Dakota Department of Education
QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS (QZAB)
ALLOCATION REQUEST APPLICATION - 2007

School District:	_____
Name of Qualifying School(s)	_____
Address:	_____
City & ZIP :	_____
Contact Person:	_____
Telephone #	_____

Submit original application to: Mail or hand deliver completed application. Faxed or electronically submitted applications will <u>not</u> be accepted.	➔ Cody Stoeser, Grants Management South Dakota Department of Education 700 Governors Drive Pierre, SD 57501-2291
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Certification of Eligibility:

The Governing Board of the above named school district certifies through a board resolution that the qualifying school(s) satisfies Criteria 1 (either a or b), and Criteria 2-4 of this application.

Criterion 1: Qualified by virtue of composition of student body:

a) Composition of Student Body

There is a reasonable expectation as of the date of issuance of the bonds that at least 35% of the students attending the school or participating in the program will be eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches established under the National School Lunch Act.

b) Location

The school district is located in an Empowerment Zone or in an Enterprise Community.

Criterion 2: Qualified by virtue of private business contribution:

The school district has written commitments from private entity(ies) to make qualified contributions having a present value as of the date of the issuance of not less than ten percent of the proceeds of the bond issue, including such items as:

- Equipment for use in the qualified zone academy
- Technical assistance in developing curriculum or training teachers to promote market-driven technology in the class room
- Volunteer mentors
- Internships or other educational opportunities for students
- Other property or services specified by the school district

The school district must have written verification from private entity(ies) on file at the school district's main offices before any QZAB may be issued.

Criterion 3: Qualified by virtue of characteristics of the program:

The public school or academic program within a public school is established by and operated under the supervision of a local education agency to provide education or training below the post-secondary level, and

Students in the academy are subject to the same academic standards and assessments as other students educated by the local school system, and

The comprehensive education plan of the school or program is approved by the local education agency, and

Such school or program is designed in cooperation with business to enhance the academic curriculum, increase graduation and employment rates, and better prepare students for the rigors of college and the increasingly complex workforce.

Criterion 4: Qualified by virtue of use of bond proceeds:

For the purposes of the application, the proceeds of QZABs can be used for:

- Rehabilitating or repairing the public school facility in which the academy is established
- Providing equipment for use at such academy
- Providing instructional materials
- Providing teacher professional development

Amount of Bond Authorization Requested. (\$250,000 Maximum Request per School District)	\$
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The School District will be responsible for arranging financing.

Certification Statement: I certify that to the best of my knowledge, this project will be administered in compliance with the criteria contained in this application, with state and federal laws and regulations applicable to the use of these funds, that the information contained in this application is accurate and complete, and that the board of the above named applicant has authorized me as its representative to sign and file this application on its behalf.

Name and Title of School District Authorized Representative (Type or print)

Original Signature of School District Authorized Representative

Date

<p style="text-align: center;">SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION USE ONLY</p> <p>Request for Allocation of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds Approved this _____ day of _____, 200__</p> <p>In the amount of \$_____.</p> <p>Request approved by _____</p>
